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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AIRPORT SECURITY AT MADRID AND BARCELONA

1. US AIRLINES SECURITY REPS CONTINUE REPORT MADRID AND BARCELONA AIRPORTS PASSENGER SCREENING INADEQUATE AND HAPHAZARD. SOME IMPROVEMENT IN AIRPORT SECURITY BUT LIMITED TO PREVENTION OF ACTS OF TERRORISM RATHER THAN HIJACKING.

2. AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY CALL ATTENTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO RECENT RECOMMENDATION OF IATA SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE SECURITY CALLED FOR IN EIGHT POINTS DESCRIBED IN STATE 20494. ALSO IN IATA RESPONSE TO US NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING APPLYING SECURITY REQUIREMENTS TO FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS (STATE 16199) IATA REFERRED TO ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBER CARRIERS AND "CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF AIRLINE MEMBERS OF IATA" AS OBTAINING NEED FOR FAA

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PROPOSED RULE. IN ITS STATEMENT, IATA CITED ITS

RECOMMENDATION "THAT AIRLINE SECURITY PROGRAM INCLUDE TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, THE TOTAL SCREENING OF PASSENGERS AND CARRY ON BAGGAGE AT ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS".

3. FYI: INDUSTRY SECURITY REPS POINTED TO MADRID AND BARCELONA AS THE MOST IMPORTANT WEAK POINTS IN EUROPE WITH

RESPECT TO SECURITY AND PASSENGER SCREENING. SOME OF THIS MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO RELUCTANCE OF SPANISH TO PERMIT SEARCH OF FEMALE PASSENGERS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD HOPE THAT METHODS COULD BE DEvised TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM BY FORMS OF SCREENING COMPATIBLE WITH SPANISH MORES. END FYI.

4. DEPT WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY VIEWS ON SECURITY SITUATION AT MADRID AND BARCELONA AND ITS SUGGESTIONS ON MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO GOS TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. FAA PREPARED TO BEGIN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON AIRPORT SECURITY AND ANTI-HIJACKING TECHNIQUES WITH GOS OFFICIALS AND WOULD CONSIDER SENDING FAA OFFICIAL TO SPAIN IF REQUESTED TO DO SO.

5. FYI: WE ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO SEE THE SECURITY SITUATION AT THESE AIRPORTS IMPROVED BEFORE FINAL ACTION ON FAA RULE (STATE 16199) OR ON THE LEGISLATION RECENTLY PASSED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE (NOW PENDING IN CONFERENCE) (COPY OF HOUSE BILL BEING POUCHED). SHOULD THIS PROBLEM ARISE IN THE CONTEXT OF SUCH A REGULATION OR SUCH LEGISLATION IT COULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH INFORMALLY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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